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PREMIER RUTHERFORD ON 1908 ESTIMATES

In His Budget Speech He Dealt With the Increased Expenditures Contemplated in Public Works and Education Departments—Refers to Probable Purchase of Bell Telephone Plant.

That portion of the budget speech carried over from yesterday's issue contains perhaps the most spiritedly introduced item in the budget. It consists of comments upon the estimate of expenditure for the coming year, and concludes with a superb message on the British Empire from Rosebery, which, read with earnest feeling by the Premier, was followed with an eager intensity that bespoke the sympathies and loyalty of Albert.

The comment on the estimates included a word upon intended public buildings at Calgary, Edmonton, Cardston, Lethbridge, and Regina. Reasons were given for the increased estimate for the Department of Education; the enlarged grant for wolf and fox hunting; the increased estimate for hail insurance and the probable purchase of the Bell Telephone system by the government this year.

The remainder of the speech is as

In connection with the Department of Education we ask an increased vote under the head of "Text-books" for a grant of \$14,000 for the purpose of giving readers in the Province, 400,000 copies of the *Primer* and 400,000 copies of the *Reader* to be furnished to the children in our common schools for well on a period of two years. We propose to furnish every boy and girl in the Province with a copy of the *Primer* and a copy of the *Reader*. These readers will be, I believe, the best ever published in any of the Dominion of Canada and probably on the continent of America. They are being printed in the most beautiful manner and at a very reasonable cost. The Province of Manitoba has paid for the *Primer* for the children of that Province for the last ten years. The figure which we have to pay for the *Primer* is \$100,000. It is a pleasure to know that the Province of Manitoba has paid for their readers. Our readers contain illustrations and ornamentation is much superior to any readers that are to be found in the Dominion. The full set of these readers to be distributed to the children of the Province will only cost one dollar and

Various Public Works. "The vote asked for public works this year is practically the same as last year, leaving out the amount for telephones, \$1,110,500.00, to be expended this year. There is an increase of \$5,000.00 for inspection and superintendence of public works, and an increase of \$500.00 for accommodation, and an increase of \$500.00 for the construction of public roads. Let me draw the attention of the Board to the expenditure for the construction of roads under the head of public works. For the construction of roads, we ask a grant of \$200,000 and for bridges \$275,000. For the survey of roads \$25,000. For the purchase of land for right of way, \$50,000, making a total of \$550,000 for the construction of roads and

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"We have not as yet completed the purchase of all the land required for the asylum for the insane at Ponoka. The position here is that we expect to complete purchase this year, so that we will have something like a section and a quarter for this year. For the next year we expect to purchase a court house site at Lethbridge, which will cost seven or eight thousand dollars and a court house site at Regina. For Saskatchewan, which will cost at least one thousand dollars.

Teachers' Reference Library.

"Twelve hundred dollars is asked for this year. For Saskatchewan we think it is desirable that we have a special reference library from which books can be sent to the teachers. We have no idea where the money will bear the expense of postage. In sending the books to the teachers, which they can hold for a certain period of time, the expense will return them in good order. It is not a large vote, but I think it will prove some very desirable books. (Ap-

"We ask for an expenditure of \$470,675.56 in connection with the Department of Agriculture. The increases in this department over last year are made up as follows:

For the purpose of aiding agricultural societies, an increase of \$4,300.

Increase to fat stock shows, \$300.

"In connection with the promotion of dairy work and instructions we ask for \$14,000. This work has already been carried out in the various districts of the province, and we feel that it ought to be carried on and extended to settlements in which the instructors were not able to reach here."

Loan To Creameries. "We ask an increased grant of \$21,000.00 as a loan to creamery associations for the purpose of assisting in paying off the indebtedness of creamery associations, which indebtedness stands largely in the banks, and on which members of the associations are being heavily burdened, and are not interested. The farmers are not asking for this at all as a matter of charity. They are quite willing to pay a reasonable rate of interest, and are quite willing that the money should be returned from year to year to go towards the reduction of the amount. It does not take much to get the money back, and it is quite possible to return the amount to the revenues of the Province. A cer-

This amount was returned this year (Applause.)

The Literary Exhibition Association induced the Dominion Government to give them a grant of \$50,000 for the purpose of holding the Dominion exhibition in the Province of Alberta at the city of Calgary.

The Hon. member approached the government with a view to giving a grant towards the exhibition, and we have in our estimates the sum of \$25,000 to be applied for the promotion of the fair in the Province of Alberta (Applause.)

It is gratifying to learn that the manager of the Exhibition association is meeting with splendid success. Several of the provinces of Canada expect to have exhibits.

THE HON. MEMBER FOR ST. JOHN'S:—

ought to be it will certainly stand to the credit of not only the City of Calgary but of the whole province of Alberta. (Loud applause.) I might say, Mr. Speaker, that the provincial government intend to have a provincial exhibit at this exhibition. (Applause.)

To Investigate Meat Industry.

"There is an estimate of \$5,000 for investigation into the meat industry. A large number of the farmers of the province consider that there ought to be in the province pork packing establishments and beef cannelling plants. We will have to conduct an investigation into this matter and find out the best in connection with it. We do not intend to appoint any commission as has been done, but employ two or three men—two farmers and probably one business man, in order to look into this matter. The number of the farmers of this province agreed for the

co-operation of the government in this matter, and if we are to go into the question it is desirable that we should go into it on a sound foundation, and with a view to making the business a success, as one of the arguments used in connection with pork raising is that it will give more stable markets than

"For the hospitals we ask quite an increased vote of \$11,000. The people of the province will greatly appreciate the increased grant we have been able to give for patients so unfortunate as to have to go into our hospitals. (Applause.)

Under Miscellaneous we ask for a similar vote to last year in connection with printing and binding of the Legislative Assembly. The supplies purchased for the use of the Legislative Assembly or any department of the public service. I might state that some of the newspapers in the province in connection with this matter, especially the private stationery. I noticed it in the report of the Auditor General for seventy thousand note heads at a price of six dollars a thousand to the certain newspaper office in the city of Montreal. I noticed it also for three dollars and a half a thousand. Immediately on seeing this item I called on the King's Printer for this purpose. He told me that it was an illegal order. He informed me that no such order had ever been given for note heads. If it had been given, and if it only cost three dollars and fifty cents, but if any such order approving seventy thousand had been given he would have paid three dollars and fifty cents.

Seed Grain Provision.

"Under the heading 'Unforeseen and Unprovided for' to be expended under the direction of the provincial treasurer, hon. members will note the sum of \$25,000. A great deal of interest was displayed last fall in the matter of furnishing or procuring of seed grain in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The people of Saskatchewan are probably wiser off than we are in the province of Alberta in the matter of not having sufficient seed grain for this year. It was felt by the government of the province that it was a

seed grain to have sufficient seed grain to furnish to all who would require it throughout this province. In making this arrangement the Dominion Government and the various railway companies operating in the province an understanding was arrived at. It is a very difficult matter indeed to deal with, and I am glad to say that I know that such co-operation has been arrived at. We hope to be able to furnish good seed grain to all who may require it throughout the province of Alberta this spring. (Applause.) I am sure that the farmers who can secure a good seed locally will do so and thus lighten the burden in connection with the distribution of

to plant grain throughout the province. It is to be paid for out of the general revenue, and to plant at least an expense the government will be put to, which will not be reimbursed in connection with the sales and handling of seed grain, but it will be paid for out of the general revenue. The expenditure so we have this item in our estimates under the head of unforeseen and unprovided for to be expended in the direction of the provincial treasurer in connection with the furnishing of seed grain. (Applause.)

"We ask the same vote as last year, namely, \$1,200, to the Provincial Treasurer for the same purpose, to defray the expenses at Ottawa. One of our Albertans was able to secure the Governor General's prize at Ottawa last year for his rifle shooting. This is a high honor, and the Government should be commended for that."

association meet, and I am sure, Mr. Speaker, all the members of this legislature will be delighted to contribute to the vote which has been given to this purpose in the past. (Applause.) Two of our men are entitled to go to the old country, and I am sure they will not be short at Bixby this present year. (Applause.)

Under the head of expenditure under the Hail Insurance Ordinance we ask for the same vote as last year. Although we went behind some ten or twelve thousand dollars last year, we have the amount of premiums received, and I feel the money spent in this connection is money well spent, and a good investment. I am sure that the members of this legislature have the welfare of this State at heart, and will vote liberally in support of this bill. (Hear, hear.)

We are asking for a supplementary vote of \$1,200,000 to provide for extension of the telephone system, construction, operation, maintenance, acquiring telephone lines and exchanges and reimbursement to general revenue account for moneys already expended, "without applause." I do not think I am losing any sleep over this matter. I am at the Bell Telephone Company within the last few days sent a representative to the Province of Alberta to interview the government with a view to the government acquiring the telephone system in the province. I am sure we all feel if we can secure the plant at a reasonable and fair figure that it is desirable that we should purchase the Bell telephone

quently we have made this amount large enough to include the purchase price and reimburse the general revenue account the sum of \$264,000, which has already been expended out of the general revenue account to carry on some additional work in the province in connection with the construction of the telephone system in Alberta. (Applause.)

Loyal Work of Empire Building.

"The very great work has been imposed upon this government. This legislature in the early history of Alberta, and we are endeavoring to do the very best we can to carry on that work in the best interests of this province. (Applause.)

"During my visit to the old country last summer, I was deeply impressed with the greatness of the motherland and the magnitude of the world's Empire. We had practiced the virtues of the two great nations."

net coming from every part of the Empire. The best expression of what a British subject feels in contemplation of the Empire has, it seems to me, been given to the world by one of England's most eloquent statesmen—Lord Rosebery, and I will ask the attention of the House for a few

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TO ESTABLISH ELSEWHERE.

Chicago Herald Comments on Closing of Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Commenting today on the legislation which drove the Winnipeg Grain Exchange out of business, the Chicago Herald says: "Winnipeg's" board of trade was closed to business yesterday by an Act of the Manitoba Legislature. As a result the members gathered on the floor brought in a solid grain and cereal exchange to the local and neighboring members that they would recognize the other Canadian province and carry on until such time as the province of Manitoba would recognize them legally at Winnipeg. Premier R. P. Roblin, of Manitoba, who was here yesterday, was one of the signatories of the bill which brought the closing of the Winnipeg exchange.

J. K. McInnis a Candidate.

Mr. Chas. Noble, of 373 Colonial Avenue, Montreal, the assistant chief engineer of the G.N.W. Telegraph Co., has written me that his family have been cured of eczema by Eaze-Bink, the great herbal liniment. He states the facts as follows: "The disease started in the back of my hands in the form of small sores and itched very much. It was very irritating and when rubbed and scratched turned to very painful sores. I tried waters,


and my wife, but the doctor consulted a sister. He treated me for a time, but still the disease spread and I got no relief. Then to my alarm the scabies spread to several of my children. I was very great, and we were very much distressed as all we tried proved unavailable. Zam-Buk was recommended and I bought a supply. I applied it to the small patches of the scabies, and this brought about such improvement that I am convinced Zam-Buk would do good wherever, with a little more application, relieved the itching, pain and sores, and it was not long before the eruptions and sores dried up and disappeared. In a few days the scabies was gone. Zam-Buk, every child, man, woman,

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
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
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